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Inventors: PARK *et al.*  
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2. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet); and
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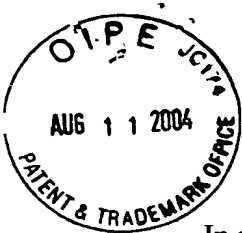
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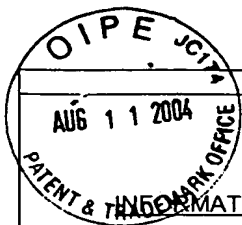
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